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Fair Lawn Board of Education Welcomes Dr. Rui Dionisio as New Superintendent of Schools

Fair Lawn, New Jersey (August 16, 2023) – The Fair Lawn Board of Education is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Rui Dionisio as the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Dionisio brings a wealth of experience and a passion for education that complement the strengths of our district and align with our vision for addressing the diverse needs of every student. Throughout his career, Dr. Dionisio has consistently displayed a clear vision focusing on students at the center of every decision. He is a collaborative, relationship and

consensus builder who embraces innovative educational practices with a commitment to teaching and learning.

Dr. Dionisio is presently in his 10th year as Superintendent of Schools, where he has served the Verona Public Schools and Ramapo Indian Hills Regional communities. He previously served in various administrative and teaching roles with the Ridgewood Public Schools, Cranford Public Schools, and West Essex Regional. He has presented at state and national conferences on communication strategies and mental health education, earning the AASA Essex County Superintendent of the Year recognition in 2019. With nearly 25 years in education, his prior experiences span elementary, middle, high school, and university levels as a teacher, athletic coach, advisor, supervisor, assistant principal, and principal, are grounded in a deep understanding of the educational landscape.

Dr. Dionisio has demonstrated effective communication strategies fostering a culture that values diverse achievements and voices while strategically planning for a shared district vision. His commitments include curriculum enhancements, mental health initiatives, and facility improvements conducive to growth and inspiration. "Putting students at the center of the district's work is not just a motto but a guiding principle," said Dr. Dionisio. "By articulating a shared vision, we can create positive outcomes for every student. I am committed to fostering an environment of care and compassion, ensuring that our schools remain student-centered while supporting the needs of our dedicated faculty and staff."

Dr. Dionisio earned his doctorate at Seton Hall University in Educational Leadership, Management, and Policy, where he analyzed the impact of inquiry-based science on student engagement and achievement. He earned a B.S. in Biology with a Chemistry minor and M.A. in Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University.

Dr. Dionisio is a devoted husband and the proud father of three children. He resides in Essex County and enjoys reading, traveling, physical activity, the outdoors, and spending time with his family.

Dr. Dionisio is eager to immerse himself in our vibrant and diverse Fair Lawn community. He looks forward to engaging with and learning from all stakeholders, forging relationships that will enable us to collectively build upon our past achievements and address the challenges ahead.

Dr. Dionisio will officially join the Fair Lawn Public School District community in November 2023. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Dionisio as our new Superintendent of Schools.

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